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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU WRAP-UP

1. PARTY YOUTH WING REORGANIZED: AFTER RETURN 13 MILITANTS
JAAC (JUVENTUDE AFRICANA AMILCAR CABRAL) - PAIGC YOUTH WING-
FROM NINE MONTHS QUOTE POLITICAL TRAINING AT MOSCOW COMSOMOL
SCHOOL UNQUOTE, JAAC IN MIDST NATIONAL REORGANIZATION.
JAAC SEC GEN CHICO BA (ANTONIO FRANCISCO DE SILVA) MEMBER
CEL AND TRAINED IN YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN CUBA, EXPLAINED
JAAC HAD LOST SIGHT ITS REVOLUTIONARY GOALS WHEN IT HAD
ESTABLISHED SECTIONS IN CITES AFTER INDEPENDENCE WHICH
HAVE BECOME INFILTRATED WITH THOSE WHO HAD NOT PARTICIAPED
IN STRUGGLE. THE JAAC COMMISSION FOR BISSAU HAD BEEN
ABOLISHED AND ITS FUNCTIONS ASSUMED BY NATIONAL COMMISSION.
MEETINGS OF SELF CRITICISM AND REORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN
ANNOUNCED FOR OTHER LOCAL COMMISSIONS (CACHEU AND BAFATA).
COMMENT: LONG AWAITED REORGANIZATION APPARNTLY MADE

POSSIBLE BY ARRIVAL CORE CADRES TRAINED IN USSR. GOAL
APPARTENTLY TO BRING POTENTIALLY POWERFUL YOUTH WING
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MORE TIGHTLY UNDER CONTROL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PAIGC.

ALTHOUGH CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED PURGE NON-REVOLUTIONARY MEMBERS JAAC, PRACTICAL ATTENTION JAAC LEADERS COMING MONTHS WILL BE ON JAAC PARTICIPATION 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAIGC CELEBRATIONS. END COMMENT.

2. GOGB LEADERS FREQUENT BLOC COUNTRIES: RECENT SPATE TRAVEL NUMEROUS HIGH-RANKING GOGB LEADERS TO SOVIET UNION, CUBA AND EAST EUROPE CHARACTERIZED BY LONG TERM RESIDENT DIPLOMATE HERE AS FAIRLY TYPICAL. PRIME MINISTER, CHICO TE, NOW VISITING USSR (HE MAY ATTEND COLOMBO SUMMIT AS GOGB DELEGATION CHIEF IN LAST MINUTE ABSENCE PRESIDENT CABRAL), AS WELL AS DELEGATION LED BY CEL MEMBER OTTO SCHACHT, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT. SCHACHT'S MISSION IS APPARENTLY TO BREAK IMPASSE IN BISSAU RENEGOTIATIONS USSR-GUINEA-BISSAU FISHING AGREEMENT. OTHER RECENT VISITORS TO USSR INCLUDE FIVE MAN UNTG DELEGATION AND JOAO DE SILVA, CSL MEMBER. AVITO JOSE SILVA, SEC GEN MIN OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHING RECENTLY VISITED EAST GERMANY AND CEL MEMBER CHICO BA VISITED CUBA. RECENTLY , THE WEEKLY AEROFLOT FLIGHTS FROM MOSCOW HAVE BEEN BRINGING AN AVERAGE OF 10-25 STUDENTS HOME FOR VACATIONS.

3. GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE ON WESTERN SAHARA: RECENT VISIT POLISARIO DELEGATION TO BISSAU AND PRAIA ILLUSTRATES DIFFERENCES IN GOCV AND GOGB APPROACHES TO PROBLEM. DELEGATION, ABDEL FETTAH MOHAMED AND CORI AHMED, RECEIVED IN BISSAU AS REPS SOVEREIGN SDR. IN PRAIA, ALTHOUGHT CARRYING MESSAGE FROM SDR PRESIDENT FOR PRESIDENT PERIRRA, DELEGATION WAS ACCORDED POLITE BUT COOL RECEPTION. GOCV RECOGNIZES POLISARIO AS LIBERATION MOVEMENT DESERVING OF SUPPORT SINCE PEOPLE OF WESTERN SAHARA HAVE BEEN DENIED RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION. IN SPITE THIS AND STRONG ALGERIAN AND GOGB PRESSURE, GOCV HAS DECIDED NOT TO RECOGNIZE SDR.

4. PRESIDENT CANCELS ATTENDANCE AT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: CHANGING PLANS AT LAST MINUTE, PRESIDENT CABRAL, CITING PRESSURE DOMESTIC DUTIES AND IMPORTANCE PREPARATION FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY PAIGC, CANCELLED TRIP TO COLOMBO. CONFIDENTIAL

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MOST LIKELY PRESIDENT'S DECISION REFLECTS CONCERN OVER AIMLESSNESS OF GOGB BUREAUCRACY IN RECENT ABSENCE PRIME MINISTER (IN USSR) AND PRESIDENT (ON ONE WEEK VISIT TO SOUTH OF COUNTRY). GOGB BUREAUCRACY SEEMS TO HAVE DIFFICULT TIME OPERATING IN ABSENCE MINISTERS WHO TRAVEL A GREAT DEAL. UN EXPERTS WORKING IN MINISTRIES REPORT FREQUENT TOTAL HALT TO ALL BUSINESS IN ABSENCE THE BOSS. IN PERHAPS RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CABRAL NO LONGER PLANNING

TO ATTEND UNGA THIS FALL.
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